

Activities Update

October 25 - December 1, 2017

CFBC New Chairs and Managers Training

New Chairs and Managers training took place on November 3 in Vancouver BC. Eight BC CF Networks members new to their roll of manager or chair attended the session. Content included an overview of the History of Community Futures, the role of CF Pan West, and the CF Network of Canada. Representatives from Western Economic Diversification delivered an overview of the program, including key reporting dates, rationale and WD contacts. Brian Ganden from Granville West, provided an overview of the CF Benefits program. CFBC staff provided information regarding the various services and benefits that are provided to the BC CF Network as well as an overview of the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program.



Business Council of BC Summit 2017



Robert Annis, CFBC Chair, and Cheryl Johnson, CFBC ED, attended the BC Business Summit 2017: Scaling up for Prosperity in a Changing World. With a small, open economy, trading with the largest and fastest growing countries in the world, size matters if BC is going to be globally competitive. Delegates heard from international top economic experts and thought leaders such as Brad Smith, President & Chief Legal Officer of Microsoft and John Stackhouse,

Senior Vice President at RBC Royal Bank, Jon Slavet, Managing Director - U.S. and Canada West with WeWork, and Doug Suttles, President and CEO of Encana, along with other speakers and panelists.

Upcoming events

CFBC Board meeting
January 23, 2018

SPRING TRAINING
March 12 – 14, 2018

[Aboriginal Business Match](#)
December 4-6, 2017
Langley, BC

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CFBC Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Session

The CFBC Board met on November 1 and 2 for both a regular board meeting and a Strategic Planning Session that was facilitated by Jon Close. The results of the BC CF Network Member Satisfaction Survey were reviewed and became a discussion point in the Strategic Planning Review. The group came to a consensus regarding an updated Mission and Vision Statement which are:

Vision 2020 – CF British Columbia is recognized as a valued, trusted resource and voice of the BC CF Network.

Mission – CF British Columbia leads and supports our members to strengthen their local economy and build strong rural communities.



CF Network and Partnership Engagements

Members of the Western Canada Business Services Network Cheryl Johnson, ED CFBC, George Hunter, ED Small Business BC, and Laurel Douglas, ED Women's Enterprise Center met on November 16 to discuss opportunities for partnership and collaboration.



On November 23, representatives from the BC CF Network, Lori Camire, ED, CF Alberni Clayoquot, Karen Eden, GM, CF Cariboo Chilcotin and Cheryl Johnson, ED CFBC, met with Minister Doug Donaldson, Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operation and Rural Development. The group discussed topics related to utilization of burned out forest lands in addition to an initiative aimed at showcasing business opportunities in rural BC.



The same day, representatives from the BC CF Network, Leigha Horsfield, ED CF North Okanagan, Karen Eden, GM CF Cariboo Chilcotin, Kim Lauritsen, CF North Okanagan, and Cheryl Johnson, ED CFBC, met with Minister Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The group discussed delivery of services to entrepreneurs with disabilities in addition to poverty reduction and the delivery of self employment services.



Cheryl Johnson, ED CFBC, travelled north to visit Sue Kenny, GM and her team at Community Futures Peace Liard at the end of November. Cheryl has visited 18 CF offices since coming on board in June.

Cheryl attended the ASTTBC Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration on November 18. More than 400 guests attended the gala which recognizes BC's Technology Professionals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements as



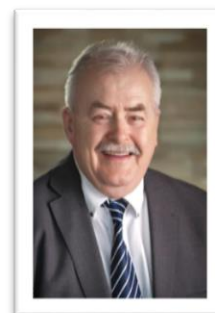
well as say thank you to the many volunteers and partners who have contributed to the growth and development of the association. Don Freschi, former GM of Community Futures Greater Trail, was presented the 2017 Professional Achievement Award.

Brenda Gould, CFBC Director, attended the BC Chamber of Commerce Collective Perspectives Dinner on November 28. Keynote speaker, Bruce Anderson provided a summary of the BC Chamber of Commerce Collective Perspectives Survey Report which consisted of a summary of statistical data collected from 877 businesses and Chambers around the province. Overall the data indicated a broad confidence and optimism in BC businesses today. Highlighting the importance of the macro-economy where regulations and taxes are critical to a businesses success.

BC CF Network News

Community Futures Central Island

After the Nov AGM, CF Central Island said goodbye to long-time volunteer Al Tully. Tully joined the CFCI Board of Directors in October 2011 where he headed up the Governance Committee. He spent two years as Chair and this past year as Past Chair. "I thank Al for the years of service and the level of expertise he brought to the Board. His hard work was instrumental in upgrading our Policy and Procedures to be the best in the Community Futures Pan West region" states Ed Poli, Community Futures Central Island Board of Directors Chair.



"I enjoyed working closely with Community Futures, finding ways to help our community thrive and our entrepreneurs prosper," noted Tully. Retired as the National Manager of Training Delivery at the NAV Canada Training Institute in Ontario, Tully brings his knowledge in tourism and experience in Air Traffic Services with Transport Canada to community organizations such as the Nanaimo Airport Commission, the Regional District of Nanaimo and many local Tourism organizations.

Community Futures Central Kootenay

CF Central Kootenay recognized Lynn Lock's 27 years of employment with CFCK by hosting an open house on November 29th. Staff and members of the community celebrated with Lynn, wishing her a relaxing happy and fun retirement.

CFBC Board Committees

The structure of the Committees of the CFBC Board is under revision. Some Committees will be consolidated and renamed, in alignment with the Strategic Plan and goals of the Board. Committee Chairs will be looking for new members soon.

The Self Employment Committee provided input on key messages for the meeting with Minister Simpson and will continue to advocate for CF delivery of EPBC SE services in rural BC.

The BA Support Committee is reviewing best practices for form fillable business plans and other associated documents.

There will be a Strategic planning session exploring future marketing initiatives that CFBC can implement to promote the BC CF Network, on Jan 24, 2018. The facilitated session will involve the CFBC Board, members of the associated committees and other stakeholders from within the Network.

Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program

In November the EDP Coordinator was busy networking and developing EDP partnerships while also delivering onsite EDP regional support meetings at the request of CFDCs. The EDP Coordinator delivered: 6 speaking engagements, 10 onsite EDP Regional Support meetings at 7 CFDCs, a significant meeting with Govt of Canada CPPD, as well as filming of three EDP clients whose businesses are now over ten years running.

On Nov 30, the National Accessible Media Channel sent a film crew to interview the EDP Coordinator and Kevin Dufresne of Whistler Secured storage- a client who through support from CF Howe Sound and the EDP, has been in business for ten years and independent of PWD income support for seven of the ten thanks to careful assistance from Community Futures EDP.



Communications

Are you receiving?

The weekly BC CF Network – Useful Updates and Information e-blast? The quarterly CFBC Futurescape Newsletter?

If you haven't received these communications and would like to, please contact Vanessa Tveitane to have your email address added to the distribution lists.

Do you have an account to access the CFBC Website Members' Area?

To access the resources available to staff and volunteers in the Members' Area you must create an account. To do so, visit <http://www.communityfutures.ca/user/register> to be guided through registration. Once you have done so you will receive an email with a one-time login link, which will then prompt you to create a password.

An account provides access to reports, committee minutes, board minutes, activity updates, links and access information to other resources available in the Network, including the Pan West Leadership Institute, the Branding Portal and much more.

Member account requests are processed during regular business hours. If you have registered your account, but are unable to remember your user name, please contact Vanessa Tveitane for assistance.

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